

SENATE BILL 148
By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to on-line higher education courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 49-7-135. No further on-line higher education courses or programs shall be developed by the University of Tennessee system, the state university and community college system, or any campus within either system until such time as:

(1) A master plan is developed by each system that prevents individual campuses within its system from developing additional online courses or programs that would cover substantially the same subject matter or qualify for the same credit under a system's articulation agreement as other on-line courses or programs offered by the system of which such campus is a part or by any of the other campuses within a respective system; and

(2) Such master plan is submitted to the select oversight committee on education for review and approval.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.